



Program Criteria Comparison

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE TRACK

and

Delaware PRIDE (Principles for Responsible Industry in Delaware)



National Environmental Performance Track and Delaware PRIDE are voluntary programs designed to foster and reward environmental excellence. Performance Track is a national EPA program and Delaware PRIDE is a statewide Delaware Governor's Office program. This fact sheet summarizes and compares criteria for the Performance Track Program and the Delaware PRIDE program. For additional information on these programs or incentives, see program web sites or contact program coordinators.

Common Program Criteria:

- *EMS Components:* Common elements include: an EMS with a written policy, planned targets and goals, clear roles and responsibilities for meeting goals, plans for checking and correcting non-conformance issues, and documented management review.
- *Annual Report:* Report must include EMS data, documentation that corrective action has been taken to address compliance and other EMS issues, and progress towards meeting goals.
- *Community Outreach:* Facility must provide a plan to identify and respond to local concerns and inform community of important matters that affect it..
- *Compliance Record:* Facility must pass a comprehensive compliance screen covering federal, state, and local regulations.
- *Self-Certification:* Senior facility manager must certify that all statements in application and annual reports are true, accurate, and complete.

Delaware PRIDE - Additional Criteria:

- *Application & Annual Report:* Applications and annual reports ask facilities to report on efforts related to environmental cost accounting, worker health and safety, TRI wastes, air emissions, hazardous wastes, non-hazardous wastes, materials reduction, water use, discharges to water, energy use, GHG emissions, and land conservation.

Performance Track - Additional Criteria:

- *EMS Self-Assessment:* Facility must conduct regular EMS self-assessments and compliance audits.
- *EMS Independent Assessment:* An independent EMS assessment is to have taken place at the time of application.
- *EMS Cycle:* Facility must have completed one full EMS cycle including implementation, evaluation, and review.
- *Past Performance:* Facility must demonstrate performance improvements for two environmental indicators (one indicator for small facilities). Commitments must be reported in a standard format and performance for most commitments must be normalized.
- *Future Performance:* Facility must make a commitment to future performance improvements for four environmental indicators from at least two unique categories (two indicators for small facilities). Commitments must be reported in a standard format and performance for most commitments must be normalized.
- *Community References:* Facility must provide community references (e.g., member of a citizen group, union, local agency).
- *Membership Term:* Membership is for three years.

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